# PITCHERS BELIEVE THAT "RABBIT BALL" INDUCES "STRIKE-OUT" PITCHING

By SID MERCER.

We quote at random from the box score summaries on the sporting pages of last Wednesday in order to get a serious complaint on the "Home runs-Flagstead, Mostil, Schalk. Home runs-Burns, Walker Dugan. Home runs-Daubert, Hargrave. Home runs -Rohwer, Wirts. Home run-Young. Home run-Cooper.

Twelve in one day, and Babe Ruth and other Yankee fence-busters were not even in action!

It's a joke, isn't it.

Well, not to big league pitchers, who complain bitterly that the magnates, in their eagerness to pander to the supposed demand for heavy hitting, are ruining pitching as a fine art. The reappearance of the "rabbit" ball and the decline of spitball pitching are responsible for this season's tremendous output of hits and runs. Games in which either team makes less than ten hits are rarities. A "pitchers' battle" nowadays is a game where one team makes thirteen hits and the other team approaches twenty or more is the game referred to as a "slugging bee."

Wonderful Dream

In Mound City

The oldest inhabitants of

Missouri cannot recall a time

when the St. Louis Browns

have been perched at the top

of the American League race

for so long a period as their

present sojourn. Excitement

runs high. To say they expect

to win the pennant is putting

it mildly. They seem positive

about it. World's series plans

are already taking form. They

figure that the Browns will

play the Giants in the big Octo-

ber classic. It is practically all

over. The only thing left to

do is to win the pennant. The

only drawback to the St. Louis

plan is that the October stand-

ing isn't based on where the

called up for winning teams and

"That's what major league baseball

to limit any fair hitting team to four

in the majors can do it because bat-

and seldom in a championship game

"This is the day of the curve ball

and speed pitcher. Occasionally a

winning streak. But he must also

ther, of the Brooklyns. Ruether

"On the other hand there are any

number of smart right-handed pitch-

ers who are not getting by though they possess a 'barrel of stuff.' Mere speed is of no avail. When a

almost impossible for infielders to

knock down such hits when the in-

field is playing up on the grass to

"Many of the woes of the Yan

kees are laid to the lively ball. In the early part of the season pitchers in the eastern wing of

the American League curbed the

hitters. The Yankee star mounds

two or three runs per game and it was not until the third week

of the season that any Yankee pitcher failed to finish a game

"Ordinarily, veteran pitchers figure

that the hot weather of mid-summer

However, the Yankee slabbists who

"Take the pitcher who depends on

"The strike-out artist used to b

more or less of a joke in the big

Pitchers like Mathewson, Miner

Brown and the other good ones of

"I can remember when the home

run was a rare occurrence. Bobby Roth led the American League

Pipp was the champion another year with eleven. Nowadays the

veriest dub bits home runs and

"How often do you see a pffcher

prevent scoring now when there is

runner on third base and the in-

mile a minute or sock a long fly.

Infielders cannot handle the ball at

Look at the good pitchers who have

gone to the bad this season. They have all their stuff, but so many

restrictions have been placed on

many shutouts do you see now?'

There is food for thought in what

this pitcher says. Last season Ruth

leagues was 937. This year no

team has yet approached the mid-

way mark of seventy-seven games.

runs had been made. At this rate

The lively ball is a joke.

to last Friday 377

vantage

over the batter.

lose range when it is hit hard.

pitchers equal those old records.

eight runs in a single inning.

one season with seven.

were going so strong in the early

that he had started.

men were allowing only one

cut down runs at the plate.

That is the reason why

ters do not hit "spitters" in practice

Shocker are getting by so easily.

nineteen for the nine losers.

clubs stand on July 4.

or five runs these days.

has descended to.

wins right along.

We picked out last Tuesday's ores as a text for this lecture. nerely because the paper of that fate happened to be the handlest. The same story can be found in the ox scores nearly any day.

There were nine big league games played last Tuesday. and Senators were idle, but doubleheaders were staged in Chicago and Philadelphia.

Home runs were made in all these games, except the combat between he Do'gers and Braves in Boston. where the outfield is too spacious to permit of homers being knocked over the fences, and in Cleveland, the Browns and Indians staged one of those "pitchers' battles" that resulted in a 9 to 7 vicstory for the Indians, who made six of their runs in the eighth inning. In two of the games the home run total was three.

The lowest number of runs scored in any one of these games was six in the first tilt of a double-header between the Red Sox and Athletics. Exactly 100, runs were scored in the nine games-an average of 11 to the

April and early May seldom fin ish a game any more—and the same thing goes for many other pitchers who are rated as stars. The "rat bit" ball and nothing else is respons ible for this state of affairs, and the magnates are therefore open to direct charges of favoring the lively because it hippodromes the sport. They could deaden the ball if they wanted to, but they think the baseball public prefers home runs to clever pitching.

There is reason to believe that certain big league managers have old chaps like Jack Quinn, Stanley laid aside a stock of lively balls from Coveleski, Urban Faber and Urban last season for use in their home games. In the American League St Louis and Detroit are known as the bode of the "rabbit." Kenneth Williams, of the Browns, has hit practically all of his home runs on the St. Louis grounds.

In Detroit last Tuesday the White Sox made three home runs. One possess the ability to outguess batwas by Ray Schalk, a good hitter, ters. Such a pitcher is Dutch Ruebut not a long-distance clouter ordinarily. The Detroit field is a big owns a wonderful curve and he can one, and a lick over the fence there requires a vigorous thrust.

The Tigers are a heavy hitting crew. When they won four straight games from the Yankees everlasting daylights out of the ball. In one game they made nineteen hits, in another fourteen, and in another thirteen, Carl Mays was the only pitcher to curb them. They couldn't hit Carl's underhand delivery and made only two runs, but won nevertheless.

The Yankees, in one of those De troit games, collected thirteen hits, vet were never in the running. that one team has as good a chance

as the other when the "rabbit" ball is in play. That is true, in a meas-The Yankees are supposed to know how to slug, yet they have losing. As a matter of fact, they have been batting in a slump. which was aggravated by the loss of Baker and Schang and the failures will increase their effectiveness of Babe Ruth. "A pitcher has no chance to win

unles he is right at the top of his part of the season are faltering now. form or his team scores a flock of moundman recently. "The ball is so is he up against? Why, if he didn't 34 scoreless frames. lively that pitchers are haunted by strike out all dangerous hitters in the fear of being killed by line hits the pinches he is whaled for a flock to the box. We instinctively duck of runs. as we let the ball go. It is livelier than it was last year. The heavy hitting and the harvest of home leagues. There were few good ones. runs, which is far greater now than it was at this time last year even with Ruth lost in the shuffle, proves another generation, used to let the NO-HIT COLLEGE STAR

"The names of thirty-six pitchers appearing in the nine box scores, and or four runs they could ease up. despite the fact that four of them for loosers, the average number of pitchers to the game was three.

"The St. Louis Cardinals emloyed four pitchers to win an extra-inning joust with the Cincinnati Reds, and Connie Mack sent three urlers to the hill when the Athletics won the second game of a uble header from the Red Sox. Altogether seventeen pitchers were



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# Sandlotters' Salt and **Pepper**

Union Printers and W. F. Roberts early today were forced to postpone their game scheduled at Washington Barracks in the independent championship series Today's series games follow:

Unlimited Class. Section B-War Finance vs. Gibraltar, at Rosedale, 5:15 p. m. Senior Class.

Section A-Roamer vs. St. Teresa, at Union Park, 5:15 p. m. Junior Class. Section A—Crescent vs. Atlantic

at Catholic University, 5:15 p. m. Midget Class. Linworth vs. Liberty, at Brook-

The Gibraltars, who play War Finance, won the independent championship last year, but were slow to Just One Drawback In pionship last year, but were slow to War Finance, a new team, hoasts some splendid performers and should make the Gibralters play for all they're worth today.

> The Roamers and St. Teresa. two crack senior teams, may put on the feature game of the day. The Roamers' combination is made up largely of high school lads and ex-scholastic stars. They've been winning regularly all season.

> Crescents and Atlantics are rivals in the Mt. Pleasant section and are likely to have warm argument.

> The Liberty Cubs and Linworths are due for a hot game in the midget class. They've had a number of arguments, and for one to scalp the other would be a big

Dominican Lyceum looked good against Junior Order, winning, 7 to 2, but the fraternalists, after the sec ond inning, also resembled a first-class outfit. The Dominicans never scored after the second.

Chick Davis, on third for the Dominicans, seldom has played better ball in his long career than against Junior Order. He figured in two beautiful double plays.

Mrs. Lennie Rock, manager of the Linworths, is nursing a badly hurt Post, American Legion, of Laurel, Md., holding the bag. A protest "It requires super skill in pitching leg today, having been struck by a ball thrown wild by Ray Brengle. He spitball pitchers of class that remain had all his stuff on it.

> Edgar Duvall, the Ariels' lame pitcher, showed plenty of stuff, although beaten, 10 to 3. Crump's homer in the sixth with three on was a feature of the game. Until that occurred it was an exciting

The Ariels have made two submaster of the curve ball perfects his stitutes and declare they will be more control so well that he builds up a formidable in coming games.

> Dominican Lyceum's stock went soaring when Mick McConnell played the outfield. McConnell, a crack, pitcher, was listed by the Union Printers as well as by the Dominicans, and by playing yester-Dominican Lyceum.

In addition to McConnell the Dominicans now have Frank Crupp to batsman socks a 'rabbit' delivered pitch. Either might win any old with speed, he hits it a mile. It is game.

> Umpiring in both opening games could hardly have been better. Three umps worked in the Dominin the Linworth-Ariel contest.

Toots Wise and Bill Kessler slammed the ball to a fare-ve-well and made it easy for the Knicks to beat the Gibraltars, each getting four hits. Six runs in the first

Once again the Shamrocks triumph over the Dreadnaughts, this time by 11 to 7, and Roudabush pitched his second victory over the

Tomorrow the Shamrocks will play he Silver Spring semi-pros. Tenleytown busted Lem Owen's whitewash pitching streak by scoring against tract, because, having signed to Silver Spring in eighth, the final meet Jack Sharkey in Brooklyn on declared a prominent Yankee his control and his fielders and what count being 8 to 1. Lem had hurled Thursday, he must live up to the

> Costello Post and the Knickerbockers, among the leading title will clash on the Georgetown University field tomor row at 3 p. m., in connection with the Costello field day.

### batters hit and depend on their fielders. If they had a lead of three

SIGNS WITH WHITE SOX ring followers of this section would DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 3 .- Sylves-"Try to do it now. It is a common started and finished for winning thing for the modern pitcher to be ter McCauley, southpaw slabbing teams and two started and finished stung for anywhere from five to the Chicago White Sox for the 1923 season. In addition to an nviable record as a college hurler, McCauley has gained considerable not know for certain just where we prestige through his effective work gainst strong semipro teams. Last year he pitched two no hit, no run games against fast independent

## Bases Were Loaded.

Elwood Wirts, of the Cubs, came through with baseball's biggest hit, makes the hitter pop up, but five of the Braves, are the only National Leaguers to hit home runs looks fishy on the part of Dundee, with the infield with the bases full.

To the outsider this whole affair looks fishy on the part of Dundee, He boxed Charlie White in Rooks. field comes in? Once in a while he June 27. Wirts, with Hank Gowdy,

## Luque in Form.

Harold Traynor of the Pirates. after hitting safely his last eight ing for \$5,000. Dundee had raised games was stopped June 24 by the ante from \$3,500 to \$5,000 him Adolfo Luque and Frank Keck. them, including the lively ball, that they no donger hold any ad-Traynor the Maryland veterans hooked. How tries for an even .500 percentage.

Hit Five Homers. The Phillies by sending out five made fifty-nine home runs and the home run smashes in the game of June 23, equalled the season's grand total of the two major June

record set by the Giants.

## Giants Stopped Him.

Cy Williams, of the Phillies, after the season's output of home runs scoring nine runs in six straight too often. games, was stopped June 27 by the Giants.

Eddie's Friends "The Winners Try to Repeat"

NO, I DON'T THINK

Y'KNOW YOU GUYS

PUT A CRIMP IN ME

LAS' TUESDAY, AN'

WALK UNTIL A

WEEK FROM

T'MORRA

THE GHOST WON'T

JOHNNY DUNDEE RUNS OUT

ON CHANEY; BIG SHOW OFF

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight world champion, has taken a

run-out powder" on George Chaney, leaving the Clagett Johnson

will be made today to the Maryland State boxing commission, a de-

mand being made to have Dundee barred in Maryland until he fulfills

his contract to meet Chanev in a twelve-round bout. Meanwhile it is

expected that an attachment will be placed on Dundee's share of

the Sharkey contest, billed for Ebbetts' Field, Brooklyn, to cover

has run out on us," said Sammy finding the Sharkey plum offered

Harris, Chaney's manager, today, him, decided to forego his engage-

self in a hole this time. I am willing Sharkey peach. It meant little or

ring at Laurel tomorrow, taking a the legionnaires in a hole in Laurel.

man, who was handling the card for the Laurel veterans. "I promised tract to meet Chaney on July 4. It

put on this show. I decline to give through with his Laurel engage

"Dundee signed a contract with Giants, a nine composed of colored

player.

ing citiizens.

yesterday by 6 to 4

scored seventy-nine.

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to play, 2 and 1.

and 3 and 2.

ment in Maryland to take the juicier

nothing to him that he was leaving

If the Maryland State boxing com-

commission, asking that Dun-

DAY ON JERSEY FIELD

NEW YORK, July 3-Joe Jackson,

ormer White Sox player and now

one of the "outlaws" of the game as

a result of the investigation of the

world series of 1919, is not "in bad"

He played in two games there yes

terday, and was as well received as

a new ambassador. Joe played well,

his double and two singles aiding

The insistence of Westwood that

it use Jackson has caused a split in

the baseball relationship of West-

wood and Hackensack. A Hacken

which represented that community

would not take the field against

POTOMAC PARK GOLFERS

DEFEAT BALTIMOREANS

Washington golfers, represented by

players from the Potomac Park Club,

handily defeated Baltimore's repre-

sentatives in Clifton Park, Baltimore

Mather turned in a seventy-six. Will-

iam Prendable, of Washington,

Warner Mather and Robert Smith

Baltimore, defeated L. H. Sanford

and J. McGough, 5 up and 3 to play

C. E. Swift and W. Prendable.

Tom Cole and Carter Carbis, Balti

J. Watson and F. G. Wells, Wash-

J. B. Murphy and L. S. O'Tell,

IN FIRST RETURN PLAY

Hagen, recent British open cham-

Kirkwood, Australian champion, lost

in his first match since his return

Washington, defeated R. Davis and J.

Raind, Baltimore, 8 up and 7 to play

WALTER HAGEN BEATEN

more, defeated E. M. Posev and M

'Joe Jackson or any other outlaw

sack paper announced that the team

mission amounts to any more than a

hill of beans, it will demand that

dee be suspended until he

JOE JACKSON HAS BIG

in Westwood, N. J.

Westwood to beat the

the expenses incurred by the Maryland promoters.

"That is the second time Dundee+

However, I think he'll find him-

to put my other boxers into the

"There will be no show at Laurel,

the public of Washington and Bal-

dee. I have worked for weeks to

must play fair with the ring fans of

"However, Dundee is going to

find himself in a peck of trouble before he gets out of this. He

signed to meet Jack Sharkey on

July 6 after signing to meet Chaney on July 4. Our contract

has a prior claim on his services,

and if the New York State boxing

commission will protect promoters

in Havana in the case of Leo

Flynn and Joe Gans, it will do as

much for these American Legion

is to meet Chaney. We signed it in

good faith, agreeing to guarantee

went ahead and incurred consider-

able necessary expense in prepar

"At the last minute, two days be-

fore the show. Dundee notifies us

that he cannot go on with his con-

rules of the New York commission.

"Dunden told me over the tele

phone that he was sorry and would

like to have us postpone the show

until Labor Day, but that is im-

possible. Furthermore, that does not

protect the money we have spent.

Neither can it be certain that the

"We are appealing for protection

to the Maryland State boxing com-

mission under whose auspices this

Until this commission acts, we can-

holiday show was to have been held.

Representatives of Claggett

Johnson Post! American Legion,

are in New York today to confer

with Chairman Muldoon, of the

New York State boxing commis-

sion. They will lay before him their side of the controversy and

Island, Ill., last Tuesday. Then he

signed to face Chaney at Laurel

We have seen what purported to be

He probably thought he had

his signature on the contract call-

. Then came the announcement

from New York that he had been

matched with Jack Sharkey for Brooklyn on Thursday. If Dundee

signed with Sharkey, knowing the

rules of the New York commission

in regard to boxing anywhere within

six days of the contest, he did so

with the intention of "running out"

the New York rules. He boxes there for best ball, won by 2 and 1.

thought \$5,000 easy money and then, starting their world tour.

have much faith in his promises.

which forbid his appearing any-

where within six days of his Shar-

him \$5,000 for twelve rounds.

them anything less attractive.

timore to show Chaney against Dun- 10rk

was the announcement of Joe Free-

gamble on the attraction."

the two cities.

boys in Maryland.

ing the show.

key contest.

stand."

I CAN MAKE IT TNIGHT.

AW C'MON ,

PLENTY O'DOUGH.

WON'T NEED ANY

YOU'VE GOT

IN FACT YOU

THE WAY YOU

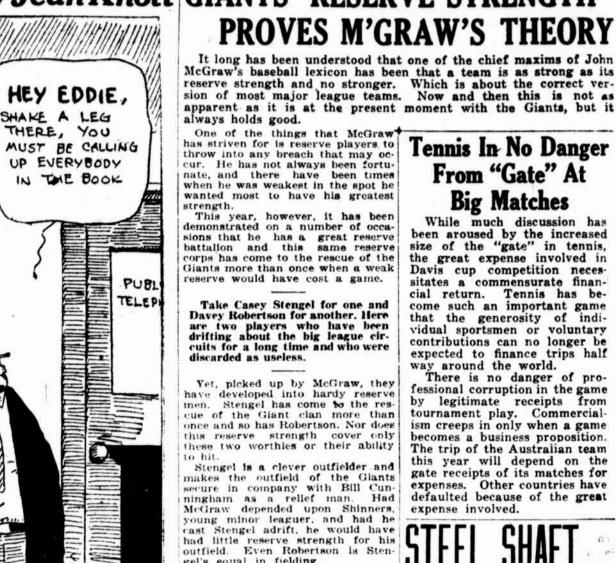
WE GOTTA HAVE

TO MAKE A

ONE MORE MAN

PLAY !!!

## By Jean Knott GIANTS' RESERVE STRENGTH PROVES M'GRAW'S THEORY



sion of most major league teams. Now and then this is not as apparent as it is at the present moment with the Giants, but it always holds good. One of the things that McGraw has striven for is reserve players to throw into any breach that may occur. He has not always been fortunate, and there have been times when he was weakest in the spot he

This year, however, it has been sions that he has a great reserve battalion and this same reserve corps has come to the rescue of the Giants more than once when a weak reserve would have cost a game.

Take Casey Stengel for one and Davey Robertson for another. Here are two players who have been drifting about the big league circuits for a long time and who were discarded as useless.

Yet, picked up by McGraw, they have developed into hardy reserve men. Stengel has come to the res once and so has Robertson. Nor does this reserve strength cover only these two worthies or their ability to hit. Stengel is a clever outfielder and

makes the outfield of the Glants secure in company with Bill Cunningham as a relief man. Had McGraw depended upon Shinners, young minor leaguer, and had he ast Stengel adrift, he would have had little reserve strength for his outfield. Even Robertson is Stengel's equal in fielding.

But as anyone knowing McGraw might have suspected, he did not start the season with only Shinners and Cunningham. He never intend ed to. He hung on to Stengel and then picked up Robertson and had four outfielders he could shoot into the lineup when he needed to. This also means that in the absence of Young or Meusel or both he still had a fairly good outfield, not to say a pretty good one.

In other departments McGraw is well fortified. He can make switches in the infield by using his old reliable Johnny Rawlings at second, sending Frisch to third

and other reserve material that en- with weapons such as the ables him to switch about when he used a century ago would feel is forced to or when a slump strange indeed. At that time the Greb and Meehan in Prospect compels a change. No other club feather ball was in vogue and the in the league has the reserve club was made to suit the ball. It forces he has.

apparently is the pitching, which shaft was short. has failed to live up to prospects maintained early in the year. NEW YORK, July 3.—Having ing at a fair clip and the club hits given sufficient evidence of good pretty consistently, and this defect to use these clubs was considered a

faith in his verbal agreement to is not as bad as it would be with freak indeed. The hard gutta ball out reserve strength of the charac- wore out the face of the club rapmeet Harry Wills in the remote fu-

dently Plan Great Publicity Campaign.

the preliminary building up of the were excellent for the flat swinger. Dempsey-Carpentier glove battle in The fad soon died out. It is well Jersey City last year, the pro- for the advocates of hickory shafts moters evidently propose to follow that it did, as it would be next to immoters evidently propose to follow possible to get any great amount of The condition of his bank account a similar plan in the Dempsey-Wills long shafts today. negotiations.

remembered, the public was so its presence felt and has become Dempsey affair, are what the cham- generously impressed with the abil- popular with the rank and file of pion and his plausible manager ity of the Frenchman as a fighter golfers. Many stars are using the that iong before the time of the steel shaft and are getting good tebout sults. would be a money maker, because bout arrived there was a considerlot of hard-boiled citizens figure able portion of the public which sincerely believed that he had a chance to win. The proposal to put the Dempsey-

Wills battle off for a year means hit on June 24, Tom reaching Fred that the promoters want to take Toney for the lick. this time to prepare the fickle boxing public into believing that there is a chance of dethroning the cham-

Wills, in the role of Dempsey's challenger, must be made to appear dangerous. Months and months of preparation on the part of the challenger will furnish material for the grand old ballyhoo without which championship fight would seem

a commonplace event. The ballyhoo relating to champion comes naturally, and will get its place in the days' chronicle of events. The importance of the challenger must be worked up until he appears in the public mind as nothing less than a ring marvel. Boxing now comes under the head of Big Business and gigantic and that is about twice as far as publicity methods to get public anticipation at the proper pitch.

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Tennis In No Danger From "Gate" At **Big Matches** 

While much discussion has been aroused by the increased size of the "gate" in tennis, the great expense involved in Davis cup competition necessitates a commensurate financial return. Tennis has become such an important game that the generosity of individual sportsmen or voluntary contributions can no longer be expected to finance trips half way around the world.

There is no danger of professional corruption in the game by legitimate receipts from tournament play. Commercialism creeps in only when a game becomes a business proposition The trip of the Australian team this year will depend on the gate receipts of its matches for expenses. Other countries have defaulted because of the great expense involved.

Latest Style Club Is Result of Years of Evolution

There have been changes in soil

clubs in every decade since the game began. The golfer of today who was He has three first-class catchers forced to go out for a round was long and thin with plenty o The one weak spot of the Giants space on the face of the club.

When the gutta ball made pearance the club changed mate-But the veteran pitchers keep go- rially. The handle became longer idly. A hard substance (leather was tried first) was used to offset the shock. All of the old-time clubs were

About 1900 another change came about when the rubber-corded ball was first used. Socket clubs were invented and whippy shafts became a fad. The new rubber-corded balls did not have any effect on the face of the club, but shortly afterward ivory-faced clubs were put on the market and the golfer bought freely at advanced prices. It was supposed

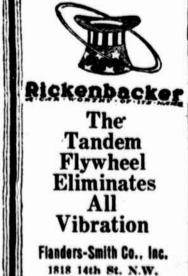
Hickory was plentiful in the early part of the century, and a shatt could be had for 20 cents wholesale. The ordinary shaft was only 15 cents. One day Walter J. Travis appeared at a tournament with clubs that were forty-eight inches long. He played so well with "these fishing poles" Probably basing their methods on that every golfer in the Metropolitan

Now comes a real change that In those negotiations, it will be promises to revolutionize the club making. The steel shaft has made

Slams Ten Centuries.

Tom Griffith of the Dodgers turned in his 1,000th National League

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### Dundee go through with his con-tract to meet Chaney on July 4. It tract to meet Chaney on July 4. It few of the boys on the chest for the honor and glory of the box fighting TUULIU IJ UUL profession and the gate receipts. The good word was bruited about today that Dempsey virtually has signed to take on Harry Greb in Pittsburgh July 17 and Willie Meehan in Philadelphia at some imme diate date, at present undetermined. Both are of the "handicap" type of to increase one's drive. match so abortive to the taste of the New York State athletic commission that it recently requested Dempsey to accept the Wills chai-Dempsey-Wills Promoters Evienge much after the manner of the gendemarie requesting the bour-

Handicap matches are quite all right now, however. William Muidoon, chairman of the commission. has stated that, in his opinion, Dempsey would be justified in takng on some conditioning matches before meeting Wills, and in reply, Dempsey would be pleased to say that this is a fine idea.

for Handicap Matches Now

That Wills Is Signed.

s certain to benefit. Matches of this kind, which would stand up in popular regard only when held prior to the Willard-

geoise to move on quietly

Nevertheless yesterday was a good have been shooting at these many day for Jackson. He carries a A Greb-Dempsey manager who stated that Joe was months. presented with \$200, besides his share of the gate receipts, by lead-Dempsey would not be able to corner the eccentric Greb in a limitedound engagement.

Nothing, meantime, would happen to Dempsey aside from the matter of some ruffled dignity, since Greb hits too fast and too often to hit

Mechan is another matter. This fistic Arbuckle has seen his best days, if he ever had any. Yet in Baltimore scored when William three separate four-round bouts he not only kept his jaws out of range of Dempsey's punches, but earned he popular decision on points in two Because Meehan was never such a

much against mediocre opposition his performances with the champion have long remained one of fistiana's many mysteries. Willie's style, like Washington, defeated R. C. Hopkins Greb's, is very eccentric, and this and J. Keating, Baltimore, 3 up and was taken as the answer to Dempey's failure against the fat man. However, if the men are matched again, it probably will be over the

Watson, Washington, 4 up and 3 to eight-round route in Philadelphia. Willie cares to go against Dempington, defeated Joe Brooks and M. Hutchinson, Baltimore, 3 up and 2 One thing may be said in favor

of the proposed matches. They will not be ballyhooed seriously as a legitimate attempt by some ex-piano mover to dethrone the champion. and Leo Cooney and F. Lucas, 5 up They are frankly handicap matches, in which Dempsey's opponents, par-ticularly Greb, have a white man's of outpointing the heavy weight king. And since the public wishes to see Dempsey in action in legitimate match before he meets NEW YORK, July 3.-Walter Wills, we can think of no better propositions than those outlined cionship winner, paired with Joe

## independents Meet.

yesterday. Cuthbert Butchardt, professional of the Westchester-Biltmore A meeting of the Independent of his bout with Chaney. It is im-possible to believe him ignorant of of the home club, with a sixty-eight team will be held Wednesday at 1 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lillie 729 Tenth street northeast. Players seeking berths on Poor work on the greens lost for It is probable that Dundee at first Hagen and Kirkwood, who are lust the team who are members of other team are requested to attend

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